

A. L. BARBER, FORMERLY OF LOCOMOBILE CO. AND HEAD OF ASPHALT TRUST, DEAD

Bridgeport Plant Will be Closed Tomorrow as a Mark of Respect to His Memory.

Is Millionaire Whose Company Had Clash With Castro—Is Survived by Wife and Two Daughters, One of Whom is Wife of S. T. Davis, of This City. Bequests of Alleged Will Enumerated.

Amzi L. Barber, famous as the head of the Barber Asphalt Company and pioneer automobile manufacturer of America, died at his home, Ardley Towers, Ardley-on-the-Hudson, at 11 o'clock Saturday night, after suffering for a week from pneumonia.

Mr. Barber leaves a widow, Julia Langdon Barber, formerly of Washington; two daughters, Mrs. S. T. Davis, Jr., of this city, whose husband is president of the Locomobile Company, and Mrs. Charles Vance of Washington, a widow. His estate, consisting of large tracts of real estate at Ardley and property on Staten Island and in Washington, together with shares in several corporations, is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Mr. Barber was at his office a week ago Saturday and apparently in the best of health, except for a slight cold. On the following Sunday, he was stricken with pneumonia, but his physicians declared it was not a serious case. Mr. Barber returned from a trip to California with his wife, and it was thought that the sudden change of climate was responsible for his illness. Last Saturday night he passed away, with his wife and daughters at the bedside. Mrs. Barber is prostrated by the suddenness of the blow and has been taken to her bed, unable to see anyone.

Tomorrow the plant of the Locomobile Company will be shut down as a mark of respect to the founder of the business.

Mr. Barber was well known in this city. Until two years ago he actively identified himself with the business of the Locomobile Company. Although his active participation in its affairs afterward lessened, he maintained a keen interest in the enterprise.

A few months ago he was a guest of honor at the banquet given in honor of the winning of the Vanderbilt cup by a Locomobile. The banquet was arranged under the auspices of the Bridgeport Automobile Club, the Board of Trade, the Business Men's Association, and the Chamber of Commerce, to emphasize the notable contribution to the manufacturing process of Bridgeport and its fame throughout the world that took place when a Bridgeport driver in a Bridgeport machine, was victorious in an international Olympic.

Mr. Barber spoke on the subject of good roads, and expressed his belief that he had devised a combination of asphalt and macadam which would enable the owners of motor cars and highways to be made by automobiles, by making a highway which would stand up under this use.

Last month he started plans for the formation of a new company, to be known as the A. L. Barber Company, for the manufacture of a composition of asphalt and macadam combined, which he claimed would keep country roads from suffering on account of the constant passing of automobiles. He believed that this company would be one of the most successful with which he had ever affiliated himself.

Mr. Barber, who was sixty-six years old, had long been a prominent figure in American business matters. In 1901, when the United States sent warships to Venezuela, the fundamental cause of dissension was a controversy between President Castro and the Barber Asphalt Company.

It was alleged at that time that the funds for the revolutionists were provided by the Barber Company, which was the head of the asphalt trust of America. Again, in 1904, the matter was agitated to such an extent that warships were sent to Venezuela, and to this day the asphalt question continues to be a matter of controversy between the two countries, with the trust always figuring prominently.

About ten years ago, Mr. Barber founded the Locomobile Company of America, in which he held a controlling interest to the day of his death.

Mr. Barber was in the real estate business in Washington in 1876 when the Barber Asphalt Company was organized. He laid in Pennsylvania avenue as an experiment. He saw the possibilities in pavement of this kind and two years later he was making contracts. The Barber Asphalt Company was organized in 1882, and in 1888 he obtained from the British government a concession for the use of asphalt on the island of Trinidad.

The use of asphalt for paving became general in the years following the obtaining of the concession, and one company after another was organized. Then came the process of absorption, and in 1900 the Asphalt Company of America, known as the Barber Asphalt Trust, was organized. Mr. Barber retired from the business at that time, and a year later the Trust went into liquidation.

Three years later, in 1904, he went back in the business and was president and principal owner of the A. L. Barber Company, with its principal office in New York. He was a competitor of some of the reorganized subsidiary companies of the old Trust, and had a suit for libel in which he asked \$100,000 damages pending against some of the officers of the Asphalt Company of America.

He was one of the founders of the Ardley Club and had been its vice president since the organization. He purchased the old Cyrus W. Field estate at Ardley, and part of that is now being sold by the Ardley Club, leased from Mr. Barber.

He was also well known as a yachtsman, and at the time of the Spanish American war sold his yacht, the Sapphire III, to the government, and as the Yankton it is part of the United States fleet. He also owned a yacht, the Lorena, now the Atlanta, of George J. Gould.

Mr. Barber always maintained a home in Washington, although for a time he owned and lived in the mansion at No. 871 Fifth avenue, which he sold to the late William C. Whitney and was purchased by James H. Smith. He was a member of the Metropolitan, University, New York Yacht and the New York Athletic clubs of New York, several clubs in Washington and a trustee of Oberlin College, from which he was graduated in 1868.

A New York American says today: "He left the bulk of his property to his wife and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Le Drole L. Barber, the wife of his only son, who was a prominent figure in American business matters. In 1901, when the United States sent warships to Venezuela, the fundamental

PUBLIC MONEY SCARE HERE

CONGRESS EXTRA AGENT TO DEMAND ABDICATION OF SULTAN

Senator Aldrich Says Appropriations Could Have Been Reduced at Least \$50,000,000 Without Impairing Efficiency of Public Service.

In Opening Tariff Debate in Senate Today, Chairman of Finance Committee Expressed Utmost Confidence That Schedules of Payne Bill As Amended Would Raise All the Revenues Needed.

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, April 19.—In opening the tariff debate in the Senate today Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, chairman of the Finance committee, expressed the utmost confidence that the schedules of the Payne tariff bill, as amended by the Senate committee, would raise all the revenues needed for the public expenses on a liberal scale. He declared that the expense of the government could be considerably reduced and pleaded that the new measure be given a trial before any resort be had to special taxation such as that on incomes, inheritances, checks, telegrams, etc. With regard to his belief that expenditures can be cut down from the "unprecedented extravagance" of last year, Mr. Aldrich said:

"From an investigation more or less superficial, I am satisfied that appropriations made last year could have been reduced at least \$50,000,000 without impairing the efficiency of the public service. There are periods in the life of a nation when the spirit of extravagance pervades the atmosphere and the public money is scattered right and left, often without regard to the results secured. I hope and expect to see a radical reform in this direction. We have, within the past few years, created many unnecessary bureaus and multiplied employees beyond the possibility of efficient work.

"The committee on the other hand, has been charged with the duty of attending to co-ordinate expenditures with revenues and expenditures extravagant and unnecessary have been reduced. The work of necessary reduction in expenditure and in reform in methods of appropriation to which the Senate is pledged, I am authorized to say that we shall have the earnest support and active co-operation of the President and the administration."

For the purpose of ascertaining the relative revenue-producing qualities of the Senate bill and the act of 1897, Aldrich said it applied the rates of the Senate bill to the imports of 1897 to show the revenue that would have been derived upon the importations made in 1897 if the Senate bill had been in force during that year.

"We have selected the year 1897 for the comparison," he said, "as this was the last year in which the finances and business of the country were in a normal condition. The statement shows that if the Senate bill had been in force in 1897 the customs revenue produced by it would have been \$8,000,000 greater than those collected under the Dingley act, the totals being \$432,000,000 under the act of 1897 and \$440,000,000 under the Senate bill."

Aldrich estimates revenues in 1910 from the Senate tariff bill based on 1907 importations—\$440,000,000.

Additional revenues expected because of restrictions on undervaluations—\$5,000,000.

Actual revenues in 1907, under Dingley law, \$322,000,000.

Says Panama two per cent. Panama Canal cannot no longer be sold. Recruits that interest be three per cent.

Says appropriations made by Congress last year show "unprecedented extravagance."

They could have been reduced \$50,000,000 without impairing efficiency.

Opposes imposition of income, inheritance or other special taxes as unjust and unnecessary.

THREE OSBORNES PLAY IN CLUB POOL TOURNAMENT

At the Algonquin club tonight will open the Inter-Club pool contests between the Seaside club and the Algonquin club of this city for a handsome silver cup which has been offered by the latter organization. This cup was presented six years ago, and for the first two seasons was won by the Seaside club, and the next two seasons by their opponents. During the last two years the contest has been between the Seaside club and the Algonquin club. The Seaside club will be represented by John M. Wheeler, Stephen C. Osborne and T. M. Adams, and the Algonquin by David F. Osborne, the Forest B. Young and Henry Osborne. It will be noticed that there are three Osbornes in the contests, all being brothers.

There will be nine games played, of 150 points each. Tonight's game will be between Wheeler and David Osborne at the Algonquin club, and between Stephen C. Osborne and T. M. Adams at the Seaside club. The table will be set up in the spa-rading room, while the other two games will be played in the dining room. Moderate 150 spectators have been arranged. At the Algonquin club the table will be placed in the bowling alley, and the game will be played in the dining room. The friendly rivalry which exists between the members of the teams will bring out large crowds.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Rosa Belle Calander, wife of Henry P. Ellsworth, died this noon at her late residence, 185 Cottage street, after an illness of some duration. She was 62 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Philander and May Hart Owens.

Robert E. C., one year old son of George J. C. and Hanna Peasey, of 30 Fairmount street, died last evening at St. Vincent's hospital as a result of burns received from scalding during the week.

Funeral services over the remains of George B. Holloway were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence, 10 West avenue. Rev. Mr. Richardson of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was in Park cemetery.

CAPT. HAINS IS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Prisoner Looked Bad When Brought Into Court This Morning—Committee Likely to Pass Upon His Sanity.

No Absolute Promise, According to District Attorney John De Witt, that Claudia Libby Hains Will Take the Stand Against Her Husband.

(Special from United Press.)

Flushing, L. I., April 19.—When the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains for the killing of William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August was called before Justice Garretson to-day it was anticipated that it would be long drawn out owing to the statement by the Justice that he will lock the jury up. This fact is expected to keep away many who would be willing to serve on a jury. There was a probability to-day however, that the case will never reach the jury. Attorney John E. McIntyre believes that not only was Captain Hains insane when he killed Annis but that he is still in that condition and it is reported that when the case is developed the prosecutor may ask the appointment of a committee to pass upon the captain's sanity. The captain's family also think he is insane but believe he could be tried and acquitted. The matter however, will be permitted to remain in abeyance until the strength of the state's case is developed.

Captain Hains looked bad when he was brought into court to-day, handcuffed to Sheriff Harvey. Since his arrest he has grown a straggling red beard and moustache and his face is deeply lined. He took apparently no interest in what was passing in the courtroom and addressed the jury as "Major John Hains and his father, General Peter C. Hains in a listless manner."

Justice Garretson and Sheriff Harvey have secured quarters for the trial period in a local hotel close by the courthouse.

When court opened this morning the courtroom was packed with a special venire of 150 talesmen were on hand but many of them presented excuses and asked to be disqualified. If present plans are not changed, Thornton Hains, who was acquitted last January of participation in the murder of Annis will not be present in court to testify against his father.

It is feared that his presence might prejudice the jury as his actions at the killing are expected to be called in length by the witnesses for the state.

District Attorney Frederick DeWitt stated to-day that if the defense adheres to its present plan not to call expert witnesses as witnesses he will also dispense with his medical witnesses. District Attorney DeWitt admitted this morning that he has no absolute proof from Claudia Libby Hains that she will take the stand against the Captain. "If we find we need her testimony," said DeWitt, "she will be on hand."

DeWitt said the prosecution will call about 25 witnesses.

Judge Garretson convened court at 10:20 and the roll of talesmen was called. Attorney David C. Hirsch, for the defense, then made the formal motion to dismiss the indictment. This was denied and the examination of talesmen begun.

Nervously fingering his moustache and looking at the jury with a steady gaze, Captain Hains sat at the table with his counsel and between Major Hains's brother, and Attorney Daniel Reilly, the only one of his family seated opposite the captain. The first three talesmen were excused for cause by the court. The questions of the defense were answered by the talesmen on a plea of insanity. Special stress was laid on questions relating to the credence the juror would give to expert witnesses.

At the conclusion of the examination of the 16th talesman at 12:40 o'clock adjournment was taken for lunch. Not a single seat in the jury box had been filled.

UNION LABOR WINS ITS FIGHT

Assistant Building Inspector Will Be Selected From Mason Craft.

Mayor Lee to Neither Veto Nor Approve and Ordinance Will Become a Law—Hydrant Inspector Ordinance May Be Defeated.

This city is to have an assistant building inspector who shall be a competent mason. Mayor Lee said this morning that the 35 days he is allowed in which to veto the measure expires to-morrow, and that he was going to allow the ordinance to become a law without his approval or disapproval. He says he takes this course in view of the large vote which the report received in the council.

There are four candidates for the place, Thomas Burns, Ward M. Cowles, John Neff and Joseph Paquette and the ordinance provides that the office be filled by the common council.

To-morrow is also the last day that the mayor can hold the report relative to a hydrant inspector. The mayor said that he did not know how he would dispose of the matter, but that he was inclined to veto the measure because Fire Commissioner Strong had informed him that \$1,200 salary allowed was \$100 more than the Fire board had contemplated paying for the place.

Mrs. William Koplin of 91 Hamilton street, has complained to the police that Saturday she was flim-flammed out of one dollar by a smooth-talking young man of whom she gives a good description.

HARBOR COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT TWO REPORTS, FOR AND AGAINST, "GRAB"

Majority Report Favors Immediate Discontinuance of City Line.

Minority Offers a Compromise Line Which, If Adopted, Will Save to the City Five and One-Half Acres of the Nearly 12 Acres Comprised in the Grab.

The effort to consummate the Harbor Grab which will be the chief monument of the existing city administration, if it is accomplished, will be renewed this evening.

A number of hurry up calls have been sent out for meetings of the Committee on Harbor Improvements. A partial meeting was finally secured Saturday night.

Alderman Cassidy was absent. Alderman Mahoney refused to sign the report proposed by Alderman Tague, who, though a Democrat, was appointed chairman of the committee by Mayor Lee, the only known reason being that he is a hearty sympathizer with the contemplated grab.

The majority report demands, it is said, although it is kept a "dark secret," the immediate discontinuance of the City line. There are the lines on the west shore of the Pequonnock river, which were established under the administration of Mayor Reynolds in December, 1896.

The report then proposed a hearing to be held May 3, on a new City line, to be co-incident with the government line.

In other words the report proposes to turn over to the New Haven railroad six acres, and the city of Bridgeport about five and half acres.

The minority report is in the nature of a compromise. It is dictated by the fact that the city is in a desperate financial straits and the powerful influences who will be benefited if the grab is completed, has lent a large part of his official influence to the grab.

Indeed there are those who claim, this afternoon, that when the test comes, what part of the grab plan will be abandoned.

where he will remain for a few days. Patrolman Hall did duty Thursday and appeared as well as usual. On Friday he took powder for a severe headache. In the afternoon he was seized with vertigo and took to his bed, where he has remained since. Dr. Trevelyan says that his condition is not serious and that he will be out again in a few days.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

GIRLS WANTED.—In manufacturing business, to learn trade. Paid while learning. Apply to State St. Room 15, between 9 and 11 o'clock. Monday morning. U 17 b o

WANTED.—First class assemblers for high power automobile motors. None but first class men need apply. Married men preferred. Address Drawer N., Bristol, Conn. U 16 d o

FOR SALE.—Store windows and doors, very cheap. 198 Wells St. U 15 u p o

WANTED.—Hose supporter stitiches. Learners taken. Apply to The Warner Brothers Company. U 14 d o

SCIENTIFIC MESSAGE at your home. Address, R. A. Neslaw, 604 Ogden street. U 13 d p o

CASCA-LAXINE TABLETS cure biliousness and constipation. Follow the directions. U 12 o

TO RENT.—Fine residence, 302 Washington Ave., choice location, large lot, excellent view, all in A1 condition; rent reasonable. B. Brewster, Arcade. U 6 t o

WANTED.—Girl for general housework. Mrs. J. M. Hayes, opposite of Green, Fairfield. U 8 t f o

TO RENT.—10 room house, improvements, Main St., Paradise Green, Stratford, from April 1. Large lot. Will lease or sell. S. B. Brewster, Arcade. U 6 t f o

TO RENT.—Furnished rooms, also two connecting front rooms suitable for man and wife on 2nd to gentlemen. Within 5 minutes walk of all East Side factories. 55 Clarence St. U 16 s p o

JAMES J. SHEEHAN, popular barber, 974 E. Main St., has the goods. Call and verify. H 30 t f o 135

BORKWURST pigs' hocks, country pork a specialty. M. M. Nagel, 652 East Main St. G 7 t f 135

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and wife on 2nd to gentlemen. Within 5 minutes walk of all East Side factories. 55 Clarence St. U 16 s p o

HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe 158 Fairfield Avenue, Everhardt's Y. Lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t f 135

SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagel's, 50 East Main street, B. Brewster, Porter's, 313 Warren St. These goods are made by Biltz at 95 State St. H 11 t f 135

NOTICE.

We are still at the same old stand, 1263 Stratford Ave., opposite school house. Come in and have your shaving, haircutting, etc., done "As You Like It." Albert Tiska. S 26 s t f 135

CARD OF THANKS.

We extend our most sincere thanks to our kind friends and neighbors, also those who sent floral tokens and those who assisted us in the sickening death of our father Thomas Ellsworth. Signed FAMILY.